

## **Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

### **Listing of Claims:**

1 - 11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) A method of removing silver soil from the surface of an object comprising:

- (a) contacting the object with a composition comprising a reducing agent, an alkaline source, and an aqueous solution, wherein the composition has a pH greater than 7.0; and
- (b) rinsing the object with an aqueous solution.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein the object comprises stainless steel, carbon steel, titanium, silver, polypropylene, polyethylene, nylon, polytetrafluoroethylene fluorocarbon polymer, fluorinated ethylene-propylene resin~~TEFLON~~, acrylonitrile butadiene styrene, polyvinyl chloride, ethylene-propylene terpolymer~~EPDM~~, polycarbonate, polyurethane, polyacrylate, polystyrene, or polyester.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the object is photoprocessing equipment.

15. (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising scrubbing, agitation, air sparging, or effervesce of the composition.

16. (Currently Amended) A method of removing silver soil from the surface of a photoprocessing rack comprising stainless steel, wherein the method comprises:

- (a) contacting the rack with a composition comprising a reducing agent, an alkaline source, and an aqueous solution, wherein the composition has a pH greater than 7.0;
- (b) allowing the composition to agitate while in contact with the rack; and

(c) rinsing the rack with an aqueous solution.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the reducing agent is elemental aluminum.

18. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the composition has a pH above 7.5.

19. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the composition further comprises a chelating agent.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the chelating agent is 1-hydroxyethylidene-1,1-diphosphonic acid.